

National Online Clearinghouse of Recycling Tools and Resources

Background and alignment

The U.S. EPA's Infrastructure Working Group identified the need for a clearinghouse that could be a one-stop-shop for community leaders to find tools, resources, and grant opportunities for increasing and improving local recycling. This proposed solution aligns with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's existing initiative to develop an online recycling resource that can serve as a one-stop-shop for community leaders. The clearinghouse underpins the expansion goals of the Chamber Foundation's [[HYPERLINK "https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/beyond-34-recycling-and-recovery-new-economy"](https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/beyond-34-recycling-and-recovery-new-economy)], a first-of-its kind multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at increasing the current 34% recycling rate in the United States by providing a scalable model for improving recycling and recovery rates.

Clearinghouse goal

Be the source that waste management leaders in businesses and communities turn to for resources and tools from all the leading organizations and thought leaders in the recycling space.

The Online Tools and Resources will include:

- Webinars
 - Link to the recycling webinars that The Chamber Foundation, The Recycling Partnership, and others conduct
- Research
 - Link to research from leading organizations on what policies, communication approaches, infrastructure, etc. leads to optimized local recycling systems
- Articles
 - Running list of articles from trade publications, local newspapers, and national newspapers about successful tactics taken in U.S. communities to increase and improve recycling
- Tools
 - List of measurement tools (e.g., Re-TRAC)
 - List of communication resources (e.g., Recycle Across America's standardized labels, The Recycling Partnership's Online Campaign Builder)
 - Frameworks to improve and increase local recycling (e.g., Beyond 34 model)
- Local and national organizations and solutions providers that can support communities in place-based recycling efforts

Leadership

As the clearinghouse lead, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation has and will continue to collect necessary funds, oversee the site buildout, and maintain the resources housed within the site. Partners will help shape the site functionality, content, and featured contributors, and/or provide supplemental funds as applicable.